



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, Ca. 94105-3901

October 28, 1991
Mr. Charles Dowell
Director, OEHE
Indian Health Service
P.O. Box G
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Brown-Vandever Allotment Sewer Problem

Dear Mr. Dowell:

As you aware, EPA performed mine reclamation activities on the Brown-Vandever Allotment located on Section 18, Township 13N, Range 10W of the Bluewater Quadrangle during August and early September of 1991. During that time period, I had the opportunity to meet with the Vandever family and develop a close friendship. The Vandever family are a hard working family that have endured living on scared uranium land for many years.

Now that the land has been reclaimed, the Vandever family will be able to utilize their Allotment. However, there still remains one basic problem that I would hope your agency could assist with: the lack of a functioning sanitary sewer or septic line at the home sites. Presently, the Brown-Vandever home does not have a functional sanitary sewer or septic line. Sewage from the home sites are discharged without treatment down the driveway. I am sure the Vandever family would be grateful if IHS could assist them in developing or installing an environmentally sound sewage line or septic field. Your assistance would be much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 415-744-2298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Robert Bornstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Bornstein
Federal OSC

cc: Mary Ann Vandever
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